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SUBJ: SHABA INCURSIONS: ZAMBIAN REACTIONS

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1. MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS ZIMBA OF MOFA MAY 15 AND FOUND HIM FULLY ALERT TO POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS FOR ZAMBIA OF SHABA DEVELOPMENTS. ON BASIS OF PRESS AND RADIO INFORMATION, MOFA HAD ASKED FOR REPORTS FROM HOME AFFAIRS AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE ON ALLEGED USE OF ZAMBIAN TERRITORY BY KATANGESE. ZIMBA SAID PAST

INVESTIGATIONS ON ZAIRIAN CHARGES THAT KATANGESE WERE USING ZAMBIAN TERRITORY HAD TURNED UP NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS WAS THE CASE. HOWEVER, HE RECOGNIZED THAT MOVEMENT MIGHT TAKE PLACE WHICH WOULD NOT COME TO THE ATTENTION OF ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES. HE SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE COMPLETELY CLEAR THAT THE GRZ HAD NOT AND WOULD NOT CONDONE MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM ZAMBIA AGAINST SHABA.

2. ZIMBA WAS GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION WE COULD PROVIDE ON SHABA DEVELOPMENTS. HE HAD NOT YET BEEN CONTACTED BY ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR. HE PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH HOME AFFAIRS TO ENSURE THAT ITS OFFICIALS WOULD BE COOPERATIVE SHOULD EVENTS IN SHABA LEAD TO EVACUATION OF EUROPEANS.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT STATEMENT THAT GRZ IS NOT CONDONING CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS DIRECTED AT SHABA. ZAMBIANS HAVE ENOUGH ON THEIR HANDS WITH RHODESIA TO MAKE THEM RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED IN SHABA. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF KATANGESE HAVE USED ZAMBIAN TERRITORY WITHOUT ITS KNOWLEDGE. CLINGERMAN

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